Running of Shatabdi Express between Howrah Guwahati etc.

199. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to introduce Shatabdi Express between Howrah and New Jalpaiguri, Howrah and Guwahati, Howrah and Dhanbad-Bokaro and Howrah and Bombay;

(b) if so, whether any steps are being taken in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) to (c) The feasibility of introduction of a Shatabdi Express between Howrah and Bokaro via Dhanbad is being examined. However, introduction of Shatabdi Expresses between Howrah and New Jalpaiguri, Howrah and Guwahati and Howrah and Bomaby is not feasible due to operational and resource constraints.

Attachment of AC 3-Tier Coaches with Long distance trains

200. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to attach A.C. 3-Tier Coaches with all long-distance Mail/Express trains;

(b) if so, when and the details thereof;

(c) the names of those trains where such coaches are to be attached apart from Rajdhanj Express; and

(d) the steps so far taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir 22 A C. 3-tier sleeper coaches (Self Generating) are planned to be manufactured during 1994-95 and the first coach turned out has been deployed on 2417/2418 Prayag Raj Express. It is proposed to deploy the remaining coaches on the trains like 2311/2312 Kalka Mail, 2303/2304 and 2381/2382 Poorva Expresses, 2903/2904 Frontier Mail and 2925/2926 Paschim Express after these coaches are manufactured in the Production Units

Percentage of Total incurred in Passengers' Amenities

201. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) what is the percentage of total outlay, the Railways are spending for passengers amenities during the last two years;

(b) the details of various amenities provided to the passengers during the last two years; and

(c) what are the plans for the future in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) The total outlay and the percentage thereof spent for passengers amenities during the last two years are as follows:

(Rs./crores)

Year	Total Outlay	Amount incurred on passengers amenities	Percentage
1992-93	5136.68	36.23	0.71
1993-94	5004.43	67.46	1.35